

## HOWE REVIEWED.

HIS FOUR YEARS AS TREASURER  
MADE HIM OLEVER.

Yet One of His Queer Tables Shows Large  
Saving by Populists—A Review  
by D. C. Zercher.

Since the statements of D. C. Zercher have been published, showing that over 1 million dollars has been saved to the state by the Populist legislature and administration of state offices, all the republican figure jugglers have been at work finding fault with the statements. Senator Scott, Senator Parker, George W. Crane and James A. Troutman, each in turn attacked Zercher's figures and fell down in an attempt to make the public in general see the facts in some other light.

Senator Parker recklessly stated that the unexpended balances at the end of republican rule were \$315,143.56 when in fact they were \$171,112.80. He got the Douglass house journal and the Danmore house journal mixed up in his manifesto and then collapsed. Mr. Troutman was even more careless in his use of figures, and it seemed that each one of the above named accountants was trying to make himself more ridiculous than the others.

Finally Samuel T. Howe (four years state treasurer) offered his services to the republican committee, and produced a pamphlet called "Record Evidence," which was calculated to figure Zercher right out of his boots. To this Howe manifesto Mr. Zercher replies in another address to the public, as follows:

"Mr. Howe presents several tables and then makes ingenious comparisons and points out the favorable things to the republican party and shrewdly covers up matters favorable to the Populists. Take the executive department, or governor's department. Mr. Howe fails to tell you that Governor Leavelle, on request of state board of charities, appropriated \$5,000 out of his contingent fund for the Industrial School for Girls at Beloit, on account of an error in the appropriation bill for that institution, which read \$1,200 instead of \$12,000. Had he not done so the institution would have been compelled to close its doors. This is an extraordinary expenditure and when deducted from the \$19,514.31 leaves only \$14,514.31 for the total ordinary expenditures of the governor's department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1894, as against \$16,703.22 expended by the republicans for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1893, showing a clear saving on the part of this department alone of \$2,188.91 in favor of the Populists.

"Then take the department of secretary of state. Mr. Howe again shrewdly evades telling you that in 1891 a law was passed making the salary of the secretary of state \$2,500, instead of \$2,000, and then required the secretary to turn over all fees received by him to the state treasurer. Ex-Secretary Higgins refused to turn over the fees to the state treasurer during his last two years. In doing so, he was obliged to refuse the additional \$500 in salary, which accounts for \$500 of his unexpended appropriation of \$504.86, which otherwise would have been only \$4.86. Observe that Secretary Higgins refused the \$500 salary in order to get about \$3,500 in fees per annum. You should notice also that Mr. Howe says nothing about the unnecessary expenditure of about \$500 per annum for extra clerk hire under republican rule, while not one dollar has been paid for extra clerk hire under the Populists. Again,

Mr. Howe fails to tell you about the \$1,697 in fees turned into the state treasury by the Populist secretary of state, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1894. So while Mr. Howe figures out a difference in favor of his party of only \$36.23 for 1892, the real difference is \$1,660.77 in favor of the Populists, as can be found by adding the \$1,697 in fees to the balance in the treasury for 1894 of \$468.63, which makes \$2,165.63, and from this subtract the balance of \$504.86 for the year 1892, leaving the amount saved by the Populists over the republicans of \$1,660.77.

"Limited space forbids me showing up Mr. Howe's contortions in each separate table. A person acquainted with Mr. Howe would not think he would be so unfair, but then we must consider the company he keeps. And then he does condescend to admit that for the years 1893 and 1894 there is a difference of \$58,541.88 on state printing in favor of the Populists over the two years 1889 and 1890 under republican rule, but he fails to tell you that the Populists had an extraordinary bill for World's Fair printing of \$9,671.03.

"But continuing, Mr. Howe gives several tables under the caption of 'exceptional.' I don't know what he means by 'exceptional.' But I noticed the item of state printing to the amount of \$158,833.97 in one table and it just occurred to me that he formed these tables for the purpose of deducting all the 'exceptionally' large republican expenditures, so as to show a balance for his party on the right side of the ledger. The tables are utterly useless and senseless for any other purpose than juggling in order to deceive the voter.

But after all Mr. Howe, wishing at least to appear fair to those who by reason of a lack of knowledge of official records are unable to discover his cunning, he gives a table showing an actual saving, according to his own figures, in favor of the Populists of the following amount for the following departments and institutions for the Populist year 1894 compared with the republican year 1892.

	Saving.
Attorney general	\$ 85.84
District judges	1,277.75
Police commissioners	225.44
Board of charities	1.38
Board of pardons	3.16
Asylum for blind	1,868.73
Asylum for imbecile and idiotic youth	1,491.90
Topeka insane asylum	4,175.52
Reform school for boys	3,065.77
Soldiers' home	7,189.01
Penitentiary	1,163.08
Live stock sanitary commission	4.11
Mine inspector	165.00
Penitentiary	10,353.51
Silk station	707.29
State treasurer	351.25

Saving by Populist admitted.....\$32,003.84

"According to Mr. Howe's own tables he shows that the very institutions whose management the republicans have traduced, maligned and howled so much about their extravagance, etc., are the very ones that show the greatest savings over republican rule. Then is it not fair, when he admits that republicans have lied in one instance to suppose that they have done so in others?

"But Mr. Howe fails to tell you about the following items and explain them: The illegal fees collected by his republican secretary of state; the \$46,665.42 balances unaccounted for on the auditor's books from 1871 to 1884; the \$170,650.38 republican deficiency bills which had to be paid by the Populist legislature the \$1,460.20 sandwiches, etc., furnished the Douglass house; the railroad tax remitted by republican boards of county commissioners in Marion, Reno, Sumner, Shawnee, Waubesa, Jefferson, Cowley and other counties; that Populist boards of county commissioners refused to remit railroad tax in Cherokee, Crawford, Butler, Greenwood, King,

man, Norton, Osage, Pratt, Salina, Barton, Coffey and other counties; that nearly one out of four of his republican state treasurers defaulted; the changing of contracts on state house and the large bonuses allowed, also the \$80,000 shortage discovered by the legislative investigation of 1891; the Comanche county school bond fraud; the tax due the state from New York Fire Insurance companies; the bribery and corruption in the senatorial election of 1867 and 1871; and many other things too numerous to mention here, an explanation of which would be interesting to the voters of Kansas just now. Very respectfully,

DANIEL C. ZERCHER.

## Skinning Skunks.

EDITOR ADVOCATE:—The Cyrus Leland-Corning outfit of slime slingers, struck Lawrence last Friday and posted bills announcing a "Grand Populist Rally" at the rink that evening. Numerous smaller bills announced that fraud, hypocrisy and humbug would be exposed at the rink that evening, and they proved strongly prophetic.

Positive evidence having been secured that the rink had been engaged and payment (\$10) assured by the president of the Lawrence republican club, the Populists were curious to know what kind of a meeting the republicans would hold in their name, and at 8 o'clock about 200 Populists and fifty republicans had assembled at the rink. The Populists decided not to capture the meeting, which they certainly had both the right and the power to do, but only to obtain the floor long enough to expose the true character of the mercenary outfit. H. S. Clark, chairman Populist county committee, called the meeting to order, which he surely had the right to do when it was advertised as a Populist meeting, and called Colonel W. H. T. Wakefield to the chair. Mr. Wakefield in a brief, but vigorous and incisive manner, showed under what auspices the meeting was being held and the true history and character of the political prostitutes sent by Cyrus Leland to throw mud at their betters. Never were skunks more neatly skinned and the sheepskins torn off the wolves. As Mr. Wakefield had been elected chairman by the practically or quite unanimous vote of those present he unquestionably had the right to the chair and could easily have held it if it was true, as republicans claim, that an attempt was made to capture the meeting, nearly all present at the time being Populists. But, having drawn the fangs of the serpents, he yielded the stage to Mrs. Etta Sample, of Ottawa, who had been imported for the purpose, and the outfit was permitted to sling its slime, which it did to the extent of disgusting its republican sponsors and of making several Populist converts. At the outset republicans cheered them vociferously, but they soon grew too rank for even the rednecks, and finished amid chilling silence. Republicans are now cursing their state committee for sending the gang here.

A LAWRENCE POP.  
Lawrence, Kas., October 15, 1894.

David as a Flopper.

David Overmyer who is now preaching the doctrine of democracy in consideration of his appointment as railroad commissioner in case Morrill is elected, as earnestly advocated the election of St. John as he does now the democratic ticket. He favored prohibition and ranted as earnestly for woman suffrage as he now does against it. He was rewarded by the republicans electing him to the legislature. When a member of that body he was the zealous ad-

vocate of the excess fare bill, which since proved so obnoxious. Two years ago he sought the Populist nomination for congressman-at-large, but was hardly known in the convention. Now, ostensibly a democrat, he seeks the office of railroad commissioner under republican rule. Like Richardson, chairman of the democratic state central committee, he does not want the democratic ticket to receive more than 30,000 votes, for fear his purpose will be defeated.—Parsons Independent.

## Public Speaking.

## GOVERNOR LEWELLING.

Oct. 17, Tonganoxie, Oct. 24, Downs.	
" 17, Leavenworth, " 25, Stockton, day.	
" 18, Emporia, day, " 25, Hill City, night.	
" 19, Junction City, " 26, Norton, day.	
" 19, Clay Center, " 26, Phillipsburg, night.	
" 20, Abilene, day and " 27, Goodland, day.	
" 20, Abilene, night, " 27, Colby, night.	
" 22, Lincoln, " 28, Mantato, day.	
" 23, Minneapolis, " 29, Beloit, night.	
	" 30, Salina.
	" 31, Herington, day.
	" 31, Florence, night.

## CONGRESSMAN HARRIS.

Oct. 18, Wichita.	Oct. 20, Kingman co.
" 19, Larned.	

## SECRETARY OSBORN.

Oct. 17, Humboldt.	Oct. 23, Milford.
" 19, Paxico.	" 25, Olathe.
" 20, Abilene.	" 27, Clay Center.

## H. N. GAINES.

Oct. 17, Burlington.	Oct. 20, Atwood.
" 20, Council Grove.	" 20, St. Francis.
" 22, Salina county.	" 31, Oslin.
" 23, Ellsworth.	Nov. 1, Smith Center.
" 24, Salina county.	" 2, Belleville.
" 26, Phillipsburg.	" 3, Concordia.
" 27, Colby, day.	" 5, Lincoln.
" 27, Norton, night.	

## SENATOR PEPPER.

Oct. 17, Frankfort.	Oct. 19, Burlington.
" 18, Seneca.	" 20, Spring Hill.

## J. D. HOTKIN.

Oct. 17, Arcadia, day.	Oct. 23, Cherryvale.
" 17, Litchfield, night.	" 24, Wilson co.
" 18, McCune, day.	" 25, Fall River and
" 18, Weir, night.	" 25, Longton.
" 19, Columbus and	" 27, Elk Falls.
" 20, Scammon.	" 29, Udall and Win-
" 20, Melrose and	" 29, field.
" 22, Baxter Springs	
" 22, and Galena.	

## T. J. HUDSON.

Oct. 17, Arcadia, day.	Oct. 18, Cherokee, night.
" 17, Litchfield, night.	" 19, Girard, day.
" 18, McCune, day.	" 19, Chetopa, night.

## R. H. SNIDER.

Oct. 17, Shorey.	Oct. 20, Manhattan.
" 18, Fortoria.	" 23, Winfield.
" 19, Junction City.	

## HARRY McLEAN.

Oct. 22, Mound Ridge.	Oct. 25, Marquette.
" 23, Iman.	" 26, Lindsborg.
" 24, Windom.	

## Suffrage Speakers.

## MRS. CARRIE CHAPMAN-CATT.

Oct. 18, Wallington.	Oct. 27, Independence.
" 19, Arkansas City.	" 29, Oswego.
" 20, Winfield.	" 30, Erie.
" 22, Augusta.	" 31, Humboldt.
" 24, Eureka.	Nov. 2, Emporia.
" 26, Fredonia.	" 4, Lyndon.

## MISS E. U. YATER.

Oct. 18, Osborne.	Oct. 26, Wide Range.
" 19, Alton.	" 27, Bennington.
" 20, Stockton.	" 30, Salina.
" 21, Woodston.	" 31, Bridgeport.
" 22, Beloit.	Nov. 3, Rossville.
" 23, Delphos.	" 5, Meriden.
" 24, Minneapolis.	

## MRS. LAURA M. JOHNS.

Oct. 18, Moline.	Oct. 20, Chmarron.
" 19, Sedan.	" 31, La Crosse.
" 22, Marion.	Nov. 5, Great Bend.
" 24, Dodge City.	

## MRS. MARY E. HAINES.

Oct. 17, Sugar Bowl.	Oct. 20, Allen.
" 18, Prairie Hall.	" 22, Bloomfield.
" 19, Winchester.	

## T. W. HARRISON.

Oct. 27, Rossville.	" 31, Minneapolis.
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## A. H. VANCE.

Oct. —, Rock Creek.	Oct. 19, Frankfort.
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## CONGRESSMAN DAVIS.

Oct. 17, Brookville, n't.	Oct. 26, Carlton, night.
" 18, Leonardville.	" 27, Delphos, night.
" 19, night.	" 29, Ada, day.
" 19, Randolph day.	" 29, Colver, night.
" 20, Manhattan.	" 30, Bennington, day.
" 23, Antelope, night.	" 30, Minneapolis, n't.
" 24, Woodbine, n't.	" 31, Herington, day.
" 25, Manchester, Nov. 1, Blue Rapids, n't.	
" 26, Hope, day.	" 2, Frankfort.
	" 3, Junction City.

## MISS HELEN L. KIMBER.

Oct. 17, Caney.	Oct. 19, Bolton.
" 18, Bell, day.	" 20, Crane.
" 18, Havana, night.	

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